



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6686

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
MANAGEMENT FUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-165a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established a fund to be known as the "Low-Level
4 Radioactive Waste Management Fund". The fund may contain any
5 moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund and shall be held
6 by the Treasurer separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and
7 accounts. All moneys within the fund shall be invested by the State
8 Treasurer in accordance with established investment practices and all
9 interest earned by such investments shall be returned to the fund. Any
10 balance remaining in said fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be
11 carried forward in said fund for the fiscal year succeeding.

12 (b) Moneys in the fund shall be expended by the Commissioner of
13 Environmental Protection, with the approval of the secretary, only to
14 pay the state's expenses, costs of acquiring an option to purchase land
15 for a low-level radioactive waste management site and grants to
16 municipalities pursuant to subsection (b) of section 22a-163d.

17 (c) If the Northeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste
18 Commission rescinds the state's host state designation, the secretary
19 shall, at the next reporting date pursuant to subsection (b) of section

20 22a-165c, as amended by this act, immediately following such
21 rescission, recommend a plan to the General Assembly for the
22 disposition of moneys remaining in said fund and the disposition of
23 any balances owed to said fund.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 22a-165c of the general statutes is
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

26 (b) The secretary shall, on or before February 1, 1990, and annually
27 thereafter, provided an assessment is deemed necessary pursuant to
28 subsection (a) of this section, submit a report with [his] a
29 recommended assessment to the General Assembly. Within thirty days
30 of receipt of the recommended assessment, the General Assembly shall
31 approve, reject or modify the assessment as a whole by a majority vote
32 of those present and voting on the matter. If the General Assembly
33 does not act within thirty days, the recommended assessment shall be
34 deemed approved.

35 Sec. 3. (NEW) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22a-165a of
36 the general statutes, the total amount of funds in the Low-Level
37 Radioactive Waste Management Fund shall be transferred to
38 nonlapsing accounts within the Office of Policy and Management that
39 shall be available for expenditure by the Office of Policy and
40 Management as follows: (A) Two million dollars for low-level
41 radioactive waste management activities and related contingencies; (B)
42 three million dollars to support scholarship programs, academic
43 initiatives and workforce development activities that foster
44 advancements in the areas of energy efficiency and conservation,
45 information technology, bio-sciences and technology-based learning;
46 (C) a grant-in-aid of fifty thousand dollars to the towns of Haddam
47 and East Haddam for legal fees and costs related to the siting and
48 storage of high-level radioactive waste at the Connecticut Yankee
49 nuclear power plant; and (D) the remainder of such funds for the
50 implementation of energy conservation projects developed by the
51 Department of Public Works for state buildings.

52 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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FIN *Joint Favorable*